

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2014**

Mayor Frank Brunson and Council members, Ginger Dukes, Curt Rye, Jr., Beau Powell, and Shell Suber were present, along with City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom, Finance Director Andy Smith, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway.

Mayor Brunson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dukes gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes:

a. City Council Meeting on June 10, 2014

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
No report.

b. Citadel Park

Administrator Williams reported that two pre-bid meetings have been held and no contractors attended the first meeting and only one contractor attended the second meeting. The architect is also trying to determine if they are capable of completing the work at Citadel Park as designed. Mr. Williams will inform Council of any and all updates.

c. Pinetree Park

Administrator Williams stated that the residents surrounding the park have not been able to come to a consensus on what is to be done at the park. Mr. Williams will inform Council of any and all updates.

d. Responses to Community Forum Items-Joel Hudson—improved communications initiative

Administrator Williams reported that the request in writing from Mr. Hudson has not been received, therefore, no action has been taken.

4. New Business:

a. Forest Lake Place Drive bridge easement to Trenholm Road

Administrator Williams reported that efforts to rehabilitate the bridge over Gills Creek continue to be hampered by the uncertainty about the existence of a public right of way from the bridge to Trenholm Rd., although the other end of the road is within a defined public right of way. It is acknowledged that the bridge has been used by the public for decades. Mr. Williams suggested that this issue needs to be settled before the bridge can be repaired and returned to service, and asked that the City Attorney explore the public's interest in a right of way. On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously agreed to move forward with establishing right of way from the bridge to Trenholm Road.

b. HTAX Subcommittee recommendation of grant to Columbia Museum of Art; Friends of our Forces
Council member Dukes stated that the subcommittee identified two projects that they recommended for funding with HTAX: Friends of our Forces program through the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$25,000 and an upcoming Norman Rockwell exhibit at the Columbia Museum of Art in the amount of \$75,000. On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council approved the HTAX grants as recommended by the HTAX Subcommittee.

c. Proposed Rooftop Rhythms concerts HTAX budget - \$72,060.00 for two concerts

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council approved the HTAX funds as presented for the two Rooftop Rhythms concerts.

d. Reappointment of Pendleton Grove to two-year term on the Planning Commission

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.

5. Old Business:

a. 11 Bayview Drive

Administrator Williams reported that the property has finally been demolished ending what he estimated to be about a 15 year effort to address the derelict property. A lien will be filed against the property for the cost of the demolition cost of \$8,000.

b. Forest Drive Corridor Study-deliverables, travel as an added expense

Administrator Williams stated that the Boudreaux Group had submitted an agreement for the Corridor Study and Attorney Holloway reviewed the document. The document submitted had reimbursement for deliverables, travel expenses, copy cost, and etc. for an amount of up to \$6,000.00 Attorney Holloway suggested that Council revisit the document and adjust the fee amount accordingly. Mr. Williams will follow up with the Boudreaux Group.

6. City Administrator Report:

a. Amanda Colgate

Administrator Williams reported that Ms. Colgate has opted to not be reappointed to the Planning Commission. Council asked Mr. Williams to advertise the opening for a new appointment.

b. Metal Detector Grant

Assistant Administrator Broom reported receiving three bids for one walk-through and two handheld metal detectors. Mr. Broom has received the written authorization to purchase the detectors and submit documentation for reimbursement. The city will be responsible for about \$500.00 after reimbursement.

7. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy reported that the July 4th road race was a large event and was successful. In June thirty-four city employees were adult/child certified in CPR. A resident from Spring Branch Road submitted a speeding complaint and a stealth stat survey was done in that area. Chief Sealy said that the FAPD will continue monitoring the area. Chief Sealy conveyed current crime statistics to Council.

8. Community Forum:

Peyton Wooldridge, resident of The Laureate, asked Council how the Columbia Museum of Art would monitor Forest Acres residents for the free admission to the museum for the upcoming sponsored exhibit. Administrator Williams said that they will have an address list to verify residency. Ms. Wooldridge also asked about the parking problem at Pinetree Park and how it would be addressed. Mr. Williams stated that this project is on hold as the residents are unable to come to a consensus on the type of park that should be developed from the unimproved site.

9. Council Items:

No Council items were reported.

10. Executive Session-Legal update Haynie v. City of Forest Acres

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session to receive a legal update on Haynie v. City of Forest Acres

11. Adjourn:

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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City of Forest Acres